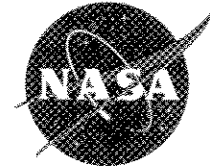


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Aviation Week Laureate Awards Gala on March 4, 2008

On March 4, 2008, NASA employees have been invited to attend a black tie event to on the awardees of the Laureate Award by Aviation Week. The event will be held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC. Sponsors of the Awards Gala are Breitling, Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems, and Booz Allen Hamilton.

Approximately 440 people have been invited. Attendees will include House and Senate Congressional members and staff, NASA personnel, industry representatives, other Federal agencies, airline executives, and members of the public. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$225 per person.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will allow individuals from a broad spectrum of industry and government to exchange knowledge and ideas on aviation safety and NASA programs. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone